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VIENNA FOR USDEL MBFR

1. FOR REASONS STATED REF B, WE REMAIN OPPOSED TO ROSE'S USE OF SELECTIVE DATA AND URGE YOU TO PERSUADE HIM NOT TO RAISE 25 SOVIET OR 15 WARSAW PACT MANPOWER INCREASE SINCE EARLY 1968 IN PLENARY SESSION.

2. SOVIETS CAN ALL TOO EASILY REPLY TO ROSE THAT US TROOPS IN EUROPE HAVE INCREASED SINCE 1970. IT IS A QUESTION OF WHICH TIME FRAME ONE CHOOSES WHETHER OR NOT "DISPARITY IS INCREASING" AS ROSE'S STATEMENT SAYS. MORE IMPORTANTLY, SOVIETS COULD EASILY CITE RECENT IMPROVEMENTS IN ALLIED AIR AND NUCLEAR ELEMENTS NOT ONLY TO REBUT ROSE BUT TO STRENGTHEN THEIR ARGUMENTATION THAT THESE ELEMENTS MUST BE CONSIDERED FROM THE OUTSET IN ANY REDUCTION. PARA 18 OF CZECH REP KLEIN'S PLENARY SPEECH OF JANUARY 24 (VIENNA 0793) SUGGESTS THAT EASTERN SIDE HAS THIS FACTOR IN MIND. FINALLY, ALLUSION

TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA CONTAINED IMPLICITLY IN ROSE'S SELECTIVE DATA COVERED COULD WELL INSPIRE UNHELPFUL SOVIET RETORT. IN SHORT, WE SEE NO BENEFIT IN BEING DRAWN INTO POLEMICS WHICH INSPIRE OTHER SIDE TO PRODUCE DATA TO SUPPORT ITS CA*E. WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT SCORING THIS DEBATING POINT REALLY SERVES OUR ENDS. KISSINGER

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